



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Stephen Moffatt

§ GROUP ART UNIT: 2881

SERIAL NO.: 10/049,755

§ EXAMINER: J. L. Smith

FILED: February 12, 2002

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FOR: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR HOLDING

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SEMICONDUCTOR WAFERS FOR LITHOGRAPHY  
AND OTHER WAFER PROCESSES

§ Attorney Docket No.:  
§ AM-3708

Date: October 8, 2003

**AMENDMENT "A" UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111**  
**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is applicant's Amendment "A" in response to the Office Action mailed July 8, 2003, in the subject patent application, having a shortened statutory period for response of October 8, 2003.

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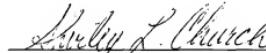
### CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	<u>CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT</u>		<u>HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR</u>		<u>PRESENT EXTRA</u>		<u>ADDITIONAL FEE</u>
		<u>RATE</u>				<u>RATE</u>	
TOTAL CLAIMS	34	minus	40	=	0	x \$18.00	\$00.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	6	minus	6	=	0	x \$86.00	\$00.00
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS			0			\$290.00	\$00.00
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT						\$00.00	
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Applicant does not believe that any fee is due in connection with the filing of this Amendment "A". However, in the event that any additional fee is due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1512 of Shirley L. Church, Sunnyvale, California, in the amount of such fee.

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Respectfully Submitted,

  
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Claims 1 - 40 are pending in the application.

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Claims 1 - 9, 11 - 14, 17, 19, 21, and 23 - 40 are rejected under 35 USC § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,452,177, to Frutiger.

Claims 10, 15, 16, 18, 20, and 22 are rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Frutiger, in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,581,324, to Miyai et al.

Please amend the application as follows: